FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Ueunten Paul  (Last) (First) (Middle)  6409 GUADALUPE MINES ROAD  (Street)  SAN JOSE CA 95120  (City) (State) (Zip) |  |  |        |                                   |                                 | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC     [MPWR]      3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     02/08/2011      4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |   |   |  |        |   |   |                       | S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner     X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)     Sr. V.P. Design Engineering  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|--------|---|---|-----------------------|--|---|--|--|
|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |        |                                   |                                 |   |  |   |   |  |        |   |   |                       |  |   |  |  |
| Date  |  |  |        | 2. Transact<br>Date<br>(Month/Day | y/Year)                         | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)   |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr<br>and 5) |        |   |   | Secui<br>Bene<br>Owne | ficially<br>d  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                  |  |
|   |  |  |        |                                   |                                 |   |  |   | Code  | v  | Amount | unt (A) or (D)  |   | Price                 |  |   | (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common  | Stock  |  |        | 02/08/2                           | 011                             |   |  |   | A   |  | 41,000 | (1)   | A | \$0                   | 1  | 25,527  | D  |  |
| Common  | Stock  |  |        |                                   |                                 |   |  |   |   |  |        |   |   |                       | 1  | 53,556  | I  | Ueunten<br>Trust I   |
| Common  | Stock  |  |        |                                   |                                 |   |  |   |   |  |        |   |   |                       | 1  | 23,900  | I  | Ueunten<br>Trust II  |
| Common Stock  |  |  |        |                                   |                                 |   |  |   |   |  |        |   |   |                       | 3  | 30,550  | I  | Ueunten<br>Trust III   |
| Common Stock  |  |  |        |                                   |                                 |   |  |   |   |  |        |   |   | 30,550                |  | I   | Ueunten<br>Trust IV  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)                  |  |  |        |                                   |                                 |   |  |   |   |  |        |   |   |                       |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security            | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | if any | emed<br>tion Date,                | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code (II<br>8) | 5. Number of  |  |   | Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |  |        | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)  Amount or Number of Title Shares |   | str.<br>ount          | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. 1/16 of the Restricted Stock Units shall vest quarterly following the Vesting Commencement Date, provided that the Grantee continues to be a Service Provider from the Grant Date through each applicable vesting date.

By: Saria Tseng For: Paul <u>Ueunten</u>

02/08/2011

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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